

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A camera having a main body portion, and a lens camera cone freely sunk and reeled out in accordance with a manual operation, comprising:

a positioning means for positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone is reeled out and positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined sinking position at a time when said lens camera cone is sunk; and

an energizing means for energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said reel-out position, and energizing said lens camera cone toward said sinking position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said sinking position.

2. A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein

said energizing means energizes said lens camera cone at each of a plurality of angular positions obtained at a time of separating all the periphery of said lens camera cone into a plurality of sections having a uniform angle.

3. A camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein

said energizing means is a toggle spring arranged at said each angular position.

4. A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein

a bellows for shielding light and connecting said main body portion with said lens camera cone is provided, and said bellows carries out a part of said energizing means so as to

establish an operation of energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in the portion near said reel-out position.

5. A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lens camera cone is provided with a finger-engage portion with which a finger of an operator is engaged at a time of manually reeling out said lens camera cone, in a front end portion thereof.

6. A camera as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a lens barrier arranged on a front surface of said lens camera cone, opening in correspondence to a reel-out operation of said lens camera cone and closing in correspondence to a sinking operation of said lens camera cone;

a shutter mechanically connected to said main body portion at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, connected to said main body portion via a connecting mechanism in which the connection to said main body portion is removed at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, executing an opening and closing operation on the basis of a drive force transmitted via said connecting mechanism in correspondence to a release operation at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, and getting freedom from the transmission of the drive force applied via said connecting mechanism at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, said shutter being provided in an inner portion of said lens camera cone; and

a main power source switch keeping an on state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position and keeping

an off state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said
sinking position.